

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 6, please amend the 1st full paragraph as follows:

West German Patent No. DE 29616604 discloses a cutter with a laser generator disposed far from the blade portion. With this configuration, a long extension member must be provided to connect the laser generator with the blade holding member, so that the laser generator is disposed far enough from the blade holding member. This extension member ~~makes~~ gets in the way during cutting operations, and contributes to undesirable overall enlargement of the cutter.

On page 22, please amend the 1st full paragraph as follows:

As shown in Fig. 12, a screw-hole portion 40b is formed at the left side surface of the support member 40. A screw portion 42A of a knob 42 is screwingly fitted in the screw-hole portion 40b. The tip of the knob 42 abuts against the left side surface of the laser generator 41. A compression spring 43 is disposed between the right side wall of the support member 40 and the right side surface of the laser generator 41. The compression spring 43 urges the laser generator 41 toward the knob 42, thereby removing any looseness in the fit between the knob 42 and the laser generator 41. As shown in Figs. 12 and 14, a bolt 45 passes through the rear wall of the support member 40 and is screwingly fixed into a female screw opened in the laser generator 41. A compression spring 46 is disposed between the bolt 45 and the support member 40 to pull the laser generator 41 rearward. Two stoppers 47 are provided, one screwingly penetrating through each of the left and right side walls of the support member 40. When the laser generator 41 is moved a certain distance either leftward or rightward, the tip of the corresponding stopper 47 abuts the wall of the laser generator 41. In this way, the stoppers 47 restrict horizontal movement of the laser generator 41 within ~~[[in]]~~ a predetermined range.